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Some further changes in the names of birds prove necessary.¹ Five given below concern species in the families Pittidae, Hirundinidae, Muscicapidae, Prionopidae, and Tangaridae.

FAMILY PITTIDAE.

Pitta atricapilla Lesson.

The *Pitta atricapilla* of Lesson,² now in current use for a Philippine species of *Pitta*, is antedated by *Turdus sordidus* Müller,³ which was applied to the same species. Its name should, therefore, now be *Pitta sordida* (Müller).

FAMILY HIRUNDINIDAE.

Riparia paludicola sinensis (Jerdon).

The *Hirundo sinensis* of Jerdon,⁴ which is now employed for an Asian swallow as *Riparia paludicola sinensis*, is debarred by *Hirundo sinensis* Gmelin,⁵ applied to some other and unidentifiable species. It should, therefore, be called *Riparia paludicola chinensis* (Gray).⁶

¹For the seven previous articles in this series, cf. Proc. Biol. Soc. Wash., XXX, March 31, 1917, pp. 75-76; July 27, 1917, pp. 125-126; *ibid.*, XXXI, May 16, 1918, pp. 47-49; November 29, 1918, pp. 125-126; *ibid.*, XXXII, February 14, 1919, pp. 7-8; April 11, 1919, pp. 21-22; June 27, 1919, pp. 127-128.

²Traité d'Ornith., 1831, p. 394 (Manila, Philippine Islands).

³Vollständ. Natursyst. Suppl., 1776, p. 143 (Philippine Islands).

⁴Madras Journ., XI, 1840, p. 238 (Jaulnah, India).

⁵Syst. Nat., I, ii, 1789, p. 1021 (China).

⁶*Hirundo chinensis* J. E. Gray, in Hardwicke, Illustr. Ind.Zool., I, 1830, pl. XXXV, fig. 3 (China).

FAMILY MUSCICAPIDAE.

Stoparola melanops (Vigors).

The use of *Muscicapa melanops* Vigors¹ for the Indian bird commonly known as *Stoparola melanops* is interdicted by *Muscicapa melanops* Vieillot,² which is now known as *Trichothraupis melanops* (Vieillot) (olim *Trichothraupis quadricolor* [Vieillot]). The next available name for *Stoparola melanops* is *Muscicapa thalassina* Swainson,³ and this species, since *Stoparala* is the correct spelling of its generic name,⁴ will, therefore, now stand as *Stoporala thalassina* (Swainson).

FAMILY PRIONOPIDAE.

Hemipus obscurus (Horsfield).

The *Muscicapa obscura* of Horsfield,⁵ which is now *Hemipus obscurus* (Horsfield), is unavailable for use in this connection, because of the prior *Muscicapa obscura* Gmelin,⁶ which is the *Phaeornis obscura* (Gmelin) of modern ornithologists. For the proper name of *Hemipus obscurus* (Horsfield) we must, therefore, turn to *Muscicapa hirundinacea* Temminck,⁷ and now call the species *Hemipus hirundinaceus* (Temminck).

FAMILY TANGARIDAE.

Tachyphonus rufiventris (Spix).

The South American tanager described by Spix as *Tanagra rufiventer*,⁸ must be rechristened, since its present name is invalidated by *Tanagra rufiventris* Vieillot,⁹ now known as *Tanagra rufiventris* Vieillot (olim *Euphonia rufiventris* [Vieillot]). The difference in the spelling of the specific name *rufiventer* Spix and that of *rufiventris* Vieillot is merely that of the difference in gender, *rufiventer* being the masculine and *rufiventris* the feminine nominative, and as such of course identical. Since *Tanagra rufiventer* Spix is thus left without a tenable name, it may be called **Tachyphonus metallactus**, nom. nov.

¹Proc. Zool. Soc. Lond., 1831 (March 2, 1832), p. 171 (Himalaya Mountains).

²Nouv. Dict. d'Hist. Nat., XXI, 1818, p. 452 (Paraguay).

³Nat. Hist. Flycatchers, 1838, p. 252 (India).

⁴Cf. Oberholser, Proc. Biol. Soc. Wash., XXXII, April 11, 1919, p. 47.

⁵Trans. Linn. Soc. Lond., XIII, May, 1821, p. 146 (Java).

⁶Syst. Nat., I, ii, 1789, p. 945 (Hawaiian Islands).

⁷Nouv. Rec. Planch. Col. d'Ois., III, livr. 20, March, 1822, pl. 119 (Java).

⁸Avium. Spec. Nov. Bras., II, 1825, p. 37, pl. L, fig. 1 (Para, Brazil).

⁹Nouv. Dict. d'Hist. Nat., XXXII, 1819, p. 426 (Brazil).